The Commission's Secretary
Office of the Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington DC 20554

Subject: Response to FCC orders on Sandwich Isles Communications, WC Docket no. 10-90

Aloha FCC Commissioners,

My name is Teresa L. Gonsalves and I have over 25 years of working experience with native Hawaiian rural homestead communities. I have witnessed the positive impact access to technology has had on these communities. More than 20 years ago the Hawaii State Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) sought a private-public partnership in which a private company would build the telecommunications network for its residents at no cost to the DHHL or its residents in remote rural areas.

Sandwich Isles Communications (SIC) built the telecommunications infrastructure so that the unserved and the underserved residents of DHHL could have access to state-of-the art telecommunications services. I support SIC as it has made possible our being able to take advantage of educational and job opportunities and to improve our health, safety and economic well-being.

Mahalo.

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